

Wallingford Conservation Commission Minutes
Monday, April 27, 2026, 4:30 PM, Wallingford Town Hall

Call to Order: 4:30

Roll Call: Denise Eddy (chair), Debbie Scranton, Dennis Duhaime, Ralph Nimtz, CJ Sloane

Guests: Anne Awad (Selectboard), Carol Tashie (Wallingford University)

Approval of Minutes of 3/23/2026

Public Outreach Programs D. Duhaime orchestrated the first of what we hope will be one many programs for the public. On Wednesday, April 22, Earth Day, CCV teacher Mic Metz gave a well attended presentation on a Broad Natural History of Vermont.

A very popular program of Wallingford University was Janet Kennedy Farmer's on identifying mushrooms. She now offers private public foraging walks. We discussed the WCC sponsoring a walk, where the participants pay a nominal fee, subsidized by the WCC, for a two hour walk with a maximum of 15 people. Fee is \$350 for the first ten, \$10 each for the next five persons. D. Duhaime will follow-up with a likely forage in August.

The WCC could offer a late afternoon nature walk at Stone Meadow.

Wallingford University Guest C. Tashie thanked the WCC for our monetary contribution of \$75. We later in the meeting voted to contribute an additional \$107, and we will promote next year's pop-up classes like walks in Stone Meadow and other locations, winter fruit tree trimming, etc.

Green-Up Day Green-Up Day will be Saturday, May 2, and we will need approval from the library to once again use the front yard as our base. D. Duhaime has the bags and 5 posters from the state. The Town Clerk has provided a map of the main village to mark off areas that residents will be covering. D. Duhaime has purchased a half dozen of 'Pickers' which we will showcase at Green-Up Day, and will be available for loan from the library. D. Eddy and D. Duhaime will set up for the 8 AM opening, others coming later until close at noon. D. Scranton will make bright signage for the library.

Items we may need to purchase with this year's town funding:

A large 4' width x 3' high generic banner for the WCC for our many events. D. Eddy got quotes of \$97.68.

Also sandwich signs for \$139, shark signs for \$288.99.

New sandwich boards for events, modern light weight plastic ones

CJ. Sloane will create a circular LOGO for land/water/air/biodiversity for our signs.

New signage for tree identification to replace some signage. Also signage at the Pollinator Garden for plants. Plaque on the existing bench near the new oak tree, near the bee hives, in recognition of member Jane Quigley.

Jars and other bee supplies as needed. Discussion of money generated by honey sales from our budgeted money from the town. Formerly Bee Money was set aside and was used to pay for bees only so they paid for themselves.

Other Old picnic table needs to be removed. Remaining ones are fine. Barb Boucher asked if we could donate honey for Silent Auction to raise money for the newsletter. D. Eddy will put together a basket with honey and related things for the auction. Jobs that D. Duhaime does that will need to be done when gone on vacation (mowing of trails, emptying garbage weekly), look at Trex catalogue for items by Aug. 31, voted to give Wallingford U. \$107. Would be good to have a WCC email account and a new Facebook page.

Budget Same, but CJ will send balance. D. Scranton was reimbursed \$111 for Cabin Fever Fun Day.

Adjourned at 5:50

Next meeting is on Monday, May 25 which is Memorial Day, 2026 at 4:30 Wallingford Town Hall, and likely will need to be re-scheduled.

Respectfully submitted, Debbie Scranton